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TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, US
SUBJECT: PROPOSED MESSAGE TO NYERERE FROM OWEN

REF: A) LONDON 13691, B) LONDON 13741, C) STATE 195115,
D) LONDON 13701

1. TRYING TO SORT OUT WHERE WE STAND ON RHODESIAN INITIATIVE, I
NOW CONCLUDE THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL THING IS TO PRESENT TO
PRESIDENT NYERERE THE PRINCIPLES RATHER THAN THE DETAILS OF THE
UK-US SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. WHAT IS CONTAINED IN THE TALKING
POINTS IN OWEN'S MESSAGE MAY BE JUST ENOUGH TO REASSURE
NYERERE OF BRITAIN'S COMMITMENT.

2. THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN DAR HAS NOT YET RECEIVED
THE OWEN MESSAGE. I HAVE COME TO BELIEVE ALSO THAT, WHEN HE
DOES, THERE IS VALUE IN MY ACCOMPANYING HIM TO SEE NYERERE.
WHILE THE PROBLEM OF CLARIFICATION RESTS PRIMARILY ON THE UK,
THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EMPHASIZE AGAIN OUR INTEREST IN GETTING
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ON WITH THE MEETING OF THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS.

3. SHOULD PRESIDENT NYERERE FIND OWEN'S CLARIFICATION INADEQUATE,
I BELIEVE WE SHOULD CONSIDER ONCE AGAIN OFFERING NYERERE A DETAILED
PLAN, BEARING IN MIND (A) THAT AT SOME POINT THE BRITISH WILL HAVE
TO BE NAILED DOWN ON THE DETAILS, AND (B) THAT THERE IS NO ADVANTAGE
(AS NOTED PRETORIA 4182) IN AVOIDING SPECIFICS THAT WOULD BE

SATISFACTORY TO NYERERE BUT UNACCEPTABLE TO VORSTER OR VICE
VERSA. RELEVANT TO THIS,I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL TO FOLLOW
THROUGH ON THE BASIC UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND
NYERERE ON THE FUTURE COURSE OF EVENTS IN RHODESIA, AND TO
DISCOURAGE TANGENTIAL OPERATIONS, SUCH AS OWEN'S THOUGHTS OF
ARRANGING A SETTLEMENT WITH NKOMO (REF D).

4. WITH RESPECT TO CALLAGHAN'S LETTERS TO THE OTHER FRONT LINE
FOUR, I THINK THIS MATTER SHOULD BE HANDLED VERY CAREFULLY.
NYERERE, WHO TAKES VERY SERIOUSLY HIS PROMISE TO PRESIDENT
CARTER TO BRING THE FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS TOGETHER, COULD EASILY
SEE THE LETTERS AS AN EFFORT TO FORCE HIS HAND OR TO DO AN END
RUN AROUND HIM. I BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT, THEREFORE, THAT DELIVERY
OF THE LETTERS BE HELD UNTIL AFTER WE HAVE SEEN NYERERE SO THAT
ANY REACTION HE MAY HAVE TO THEM CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.
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